

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant appreciates the consideration shown by the Office, as evidenced by the Office Action, mailed on 4 November 2005. In that Office Action, the Examiner stated that the declaration was defective, objected to the abstract of the disclosure, objected to claim 25, rejected claim 25 under 35 USC 102(e) on Cusack et al. US6135760 or VonDrasek et al. US6244857, and allowed claims 1-24 and 26-27. After consideration of the Office Action, a new declaration is being submitted, claim 24 has been amended, claim 25 has been canceled. Claims 1-24 and 26-27 remain in the present application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application by the Examiner in light of the above amendments and the following remarks offered in response to the Office Action.

In response to the Examiner's helpful suggestion, attached is a new declaration which correctly identifies the application number of the parent application to which priority is claimed.

Applicant also appreciates the Examiner's noting of the typing errors in the abstract and claims.

In response to the objection to the abstract, the abstract has been amended to correctly spell "overlapping."

In response to the objection to the claims, claim 24 has been amended to change the "An" to an "A."

The only claim which was not indicated to be in condition for allowance, claim 25, has been canceled.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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